

People excluded from final list of NRC will be disenfranchised and deported, says Ram Madhav

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BJP General Secretary Ram Madhav IANS Bharatiya Janata Party's General Secretary Ram Madhav on Monday said people excluded from the final list of the National Register of Citizens in Assam will be disenfranchised and deported to their country, PTI reported. "3 [Three] steps will be taken after NRC," Madhav said at a seminar on 'NRC: Defending the Borders, Securing the Culture' in Delhi. "Detect, delete [and] deport. NRC will ensure detection of illegal immigrants. Next step will be disenfranchise - deletion of names of illegal immigrants from voters list [and] deprive them from govt [government] benefits. 3rd [Third] stage will be deportation."

Madhav said no other country tolerates undocumented migrants, but India has become a "dharamshala for illegal immigrants due to political considerations". Madhav said the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru realised the enormity of the problem of undocumented migrants in Assam and enacted a state-specific law in the 1950s to expel foreigners. "Nehru's great-grandson should read the history and extend support to detect and deport illegal immigrants from Assam," he said referring to Rahul Gandhi. Assam Chief Minister and BJP



leader Sarbananda Sonowal said genuine Indian citizens will get adequate opportunities to prove their citizenship and include their names in the final list of the NRC. He, however, suggested that the NRC be implemented in all states. "This is a document which can protect all Indians," PTI quoted Sonowal as saying. "Those who will be excluded from the NRC in Assam can go to other states. So we will have to take a strong step." The final draft of the National Register of Citizens was published on July 30 leaving out nearly 40 lakh people, including some MLAs and a former chief minister.

The stated aim of the counting exercise is to separate genuine Indian citizens from so-called illegal migrants who might be living in the state. According to the terms of the exercise, anyone who could not prove that they or their ancestors had entered the state before midnight on March 24, 1971, would be declared a foreigner. Launched in 2015, it involved processing the applications of 3.29 crore people who hoped to be included in the register. Over the course of three years, the mammoth exercise has been through several controversies, including allegations of bias against certain communities.

Mother fighting case to prove citizenship under NRC in Assam, man hangs self

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A labourer in Assam's Baksa district whose mother is fighting a case to prove her Indian citizenship committed suicide Sunday, the police said. Binay Chand, 32, was found hanging from a tree near his home in Dimlarpur village. According to relatives, Binay may have committed suicide given the

financial burden of pursuing his mother Shanti Chand's case at the Foreigners' Tribunal (FT). Baksa's SP Binoy Kalita said extreme financial constraints could have led Binay to commit suicide. The FTs — there are 100 such across the state — are quasi-judicial bodies meant to "furnish opinion on the question as to whether a person is or is not a foreigner within the

meaning of Foreigner's Act, 1946". These tribunals get two kinds of cases: those against whom a reference has been made by the border police, or whose names in the electoral rolls have a "D (Doubtful)" against them. The police said Shanti Chand's case was first "reference". She got her notice for appearance before the FT in March this year.

Tejas aircraft's first ever mid-air refuelling places India in elite club

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The first ever mid-air refuelling of the indigenously developed light combat aircraft Tejas was successfully carried out Monday, placing India in an elite group of countries having air-to-air refuelling system for military planes, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) said. The milestone was achieved at 9.30 am when 1,900 kg of fuel was transferred from the mid-air refuelling tanker of IAF's IL78 to the Tejas LSP8 at an altitude of 20,000 feet, said a release from HAL, which has developed the light combat aircraft (LCA). The feat was achieved days after the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully did a dry

run of mid-air refuelling using the Russian-built IL-78 MKI tanker. "The Light Combat Aircraft (Tejas LSP8) has successfully completed the wet (actual) engagement today by transferring 1,900 kg fuel from IAF IL78 mid-air refuelling tanker," the release said. The IAF IL78, piloted by Wg Cdr Siddharth Singh, accomplished the task with designers from HAL and Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) closely monitoring system parameters from the ground station at Gwalior. According to the HAL, the speed of Tejas was 270 knots when all the internal tanks and drop tanks were refuelled. "With this, India joins an elite group of



countries who have developed the Air-to-Air (AAR) (refuelling) system for military class of aircraft," HAL Chairman and Managing Director R Madhavan was quoted as saying in the release. Successful 'dry' docking of aerial refuelling probe with the mother tanker was carried out on September 4 and 6, he said. HAL officials said in the

National Herald case: Setback for Sonia and Rahul, HC dismisses their tax pleas

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THE DELHI High Court Monday dismissed pleas by Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi against the Income Tax department's decision to re-open their tax assessments for the financial year 2011-2012 in connection with the National Herald newspaper case.

The "writ petitions have to fail," a bench of Justices S Ravindra Bhat and A K Chawla said while clarifying that the observations in the order with regard to the contentions of the Congress leaders is not conclusive and have been noted only for the purpose of disposing of their pleas. The bench also dismissed a similar plea by Congress leader Oscar Fernandes.

Reacting to the ruling, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra described it as a "victory of the common man". He alleged that 'Bharat Bandh' call given by the Congress was to divert the people's attention from the hearing involving its "corrupt" leaders.

The Congress hit back and dared Prime Minister Narendra Modi to fight a "political battle" with Rahul Gandhi instead of seeking "petty revenge".

The income tax probe against the Congress leaders stems from an investigation into a complaint filed by BJP leader



Subramanian Swamy before a trial court in connection with the National Herald case.

The complaint accused Sonia, Rahul and others of conspiring to cheat and misappropriate funds. It alleged that Young Indian (YI), which was incorporated as organisation in November 2010 with a capital of Rs 50 lakh, had acquired almost all shareholdings of Associate Journals Lts (AJL), which ran the National Herald newspaper. In this process, it was alleged, YI also acquired AJL's debt of Rs 90 crore. YI is a not-for-profit organisation. The tax department had said that the shares Rahul has in YI would lead him to have an income of Rs 154 crore and not about Rs 68 lakh, as was

assessed earlier. It has already issued a demand notice for Rs 249.15 crore to YI for the assessment year 2011-12.

The bench, in its Monday order, noted that the premise of the reassessment notices was that the non-disclosure of the taxing event — allotment of shares of YI — deprived the assessing officer of the opportunity to look into the records.

It said in Rahul's case, the non-disclosure of share acquisition constituted tangible material justifying reassessment. In case of Sonia and Fernandes, the bench said returns filed were processed under Section 143(1) of the Income Tax Act, which pertains to "notice or intimation", and are not treated as "assessments".

The high court had on August 16 reserved its order on the pleas of the three leaders after the Income Tax Department had contended that Rahul Gandhi's tax assessment for 2011-12 was reopened as material facts were concealed. The bench had orally asked the tax department not to take any coercive step against Sonia, Rahul and Fernandes till pronouncement of its verdict. Senior advocate P Chidambaram, appearing for Sonia Gandhi, had said he had faith in the oral statement made by the Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. Mehta had argued that the Congress leaders had alleged mala fide on the part of the tax department but had not made any averments in this regard.

Ajay Maken rolls out the bullock cart for Congress protests at fuel pumps

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Under the 'Bharat Bandh' called by the Delhi Congress on Monday, party workers staged dharnas at petrol pumps across the city against the hike in petrol and diesel prices. Senior Congress leaders, including Delhi Congress chief Ajay Maken, rode a bullock cart to a petrol pump near Rajendra Place to register their protest.

Hitting out at the opposition over the rise in fuel prices, Maken demanded that petrol and diesel be brought under GST.

"During the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre in

2014, excise duty on petrol per litre was Rs 9.20. But the Modi government hiked it to Rs 19.48 per litre of petrol, which means that there has been a 211.7% hike," said Maken, addressing Congress workers at a petrol pump near Siddharth Hotel.

"Similarly, in May 2014, the excise duty per litre of diesel was Rs 3.46, but the Modi government hiked it to Rs 15.33 per litre of diesel — an increase of 443.06%," he added. Among those present in the rally was Congress leader Sajjan Kumar, an accused in the 1984 Sikh riots. Sources, however, said that he chose to show up as all former Congress MLAs and MPs had been invited.

Meanwhile, people had a hard time finding transportation, with app-based cab aggregators increasing fare manifold. Traffic was affected in Daryaganj, Ramlila Maidan



and the area around Rajghat as opposition parties, led by Congress president Rahul Gandhi, marched from Rajghat to Ramlila Maidan.

However, police were deployed at petrol pumps, and motorcycle patrols were put on high alert, a senior police officer said.

AAP leaders Atishi and CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury, too, staged a protest at Jantar Mantar. "When petrol prices are hiked, it affects the prices of other commodities and leads to price rise. All the promises made by BJP ahead of elections are now falling flat," Atishi said.

J-K: Two militants killed during encounter in Handwara

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Two militants were gunned down in an encounter with security forces in Guloora village of Handwara in North Kashmir on Tuesday. The identity and group affiliation of the slain militants is yet to be ascertained. The encounter is still underway.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the area early Tuesday morning following specific information about the presence of militants there, an official said. The



search operation turned into an encounter after militants fired upon the forces. Earlier this month, three militants were killed in an encounter in Bandipora

district of Jammu and Kashmir. Weapons and other war-like stores were recovered from the operation site, Defence Public Relations Officer said.